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Office of Emergency Services

Staff Update

Chuck Snyder will not be available for the next several months due to a vehicle accident. While it appears that Chuck is well on his way to making a full recovery, he is going to need some time to heal. Chuck's projects have been reassigned to other staff. Please direct any questions you would normally ask Chuck to the OES Staff line at (916) 845-8741.

Regulatory Revisions to CalARP Program - Flammable Fuels

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has amended the CalARP Program regulations in the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 2, Chapter 4.5. The amendments were necessary to make the CalARP Program regulations consistent with the Federal Accidental Release Prevention (FedARP) Program's regulation of flammable fuels, as found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 68.

The following is a summary of the revisions:

- Added the definition of "Retail facility" to Section 2735.3 (rr);
- Added a footnote to Section 2770.5, Table 2; and
- Added the flammable fuels exclusion in new Section 2770.4.1.

Since the flammable fuels revision is a direct result of FedARP Program revisions and pertains to a federal piece of the CalARP Program, the CalARP Program revisions were exempt from the California's Administrative Procedures Act (APA), including public hearings and public comment. This APA exemption is in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.95, Article 2, Section 25533.

The CalARP Program regulations are available at OES' website at the following URL address: <http://www.oes.ca.gov/Develop/CalARP.nsf/Misc+Pages/CalARPPregs>. If you do not have Internet access, you may request a hardcopy by contacting the OES Hazardous Materials Unit at (916) 845-8741. If you have any questions, please contact Cara Roderick at (916) 845-8758.

State Water Resources Control Board

Field Evaluation of UST Leak Detection Sensors

An extensive field evaluation of liquid sensors used in leak detection was conducted. The evaluation included nearly 800 sensors, representing a variety of manufacturers, operating mechanisms, and UST facility types. Results are discussed in the "Field Evaluation of Underground Storage Tank System Leak Detection Sensors Report." The report is available online at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust/docs/sensors/index.html>

UST Training - February 2002 CUPA Conference

Follow the link for additional information regarding UST Program training at the 2002 CUPA Conference.

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust/training/index.html>

Reported Releases List

A list of all reported releases of unauthorized hazardous substances from USTs in California is available. The list is sorted by county and is available in two file formats: Zip and PDF.

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/lustis/dbinfo.html>

DTSC**Household Hazardous Waste Collections Calendar**

Attached is the monthly household hazardous waste collections temporary events calendar that lists dates and contact information for upcoming temporary collection events for various jurisdictions.

Cal/EPA**State Budget**

On December 6, 2002, Governor Gray Davis announced \$10.2 billion in budget reductions to address the budget shortfall. The proposed reductions will impact nearly all areas of government through budget cuts, recaptures, and other budget changes. On December 9, 2002, the Legislature began a Special Session to address the \$10.2 billion in budget reductions.

Changes to Unified Program Newsletter

Cal/EPA is setting up a newsletter subscription service that will be available on our website. Anyone can sign up to receive the monthly newsletter and will have the ability to unsubscribe if needed. The newsletter will be sent as an announcement and table of contents with a link to the newsletter that will now be posted on the Cal/EPA's Unified Program website. You will also be able to view previous newsletters (dating back to July 2002).